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CAST:

DOCTOR WHO

JO

KY

VARAN

MARSHAL

JAEGER

STUBBS

COITON

SKYBASE VOICE

OLD SOLONIAN MAN

NON-SPEAKING:

MUTTS

GUARDS

RADIATION - SUITED FIGURE (SONDERGAARD)

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SETS: SKYBASE

Transfer Station

Transfer Cubicle

Corridors

Jaeger's Lab

Marshal's Office

SETS: SOLOS

Ground transfer Station, with

Transfer cubicle Radiation cave: illuminated rocks, light source at  
end (C.S.O)

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TELECINE:

Model Shot of Skybase

Exterior of Cave, curtained by bushes

Countryside

Cave chamber, caves and tunnels

SPECIAL EFFECTS:

Thunder and lightening and rain

COS Smoke

Explosion at cave entrance.

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TELECINE 1:

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Opening  
Titles:

END TELECINE 1:

1. INT. TRANSFER STATION. SKYBASE. LIMBY  
LIT.

(DOCTOR WHO COMES UP,  
COTTON PUSHES HIM  
TOWARDS THE DIMLIT  
CUBICLE)

COTTON: That one -

(AS DOCTOR WHO  
RUSHES IN, COTTON  
GOES OFF)

2. INT. CUBICLE, DIMLY LIT.

(AS DOCTOR WHO REACHES  
FOR THE SWITCH HE IS  
GRABBED FROM BEHIND  
BY THE ENRAGED VARAN)

VARAN: Die Overlord!

(VARAN SEEMS TO BE  
STRANGLING DOCTOR  
WHO BUT DOCTOR WHO  
HITS THE BUTTON  
AND THEY BOTH DISA-  
PEAR)

3. INT. TRANSFER STATION CUBICLE SOLOS. NIGHT

(DOCTOR WHO AND VARAN.

MATERIALISE, STRUGGLE  
FURIOUSLY. THEY ERUPT  
FROM THE BOOTH)

4. INT. TRANSFER STATION. SOLOS. NIGHT.

(VARAN AND DOCTOR  
WHO FIGHT, VARAN  
IS TOUGH AND  
FEROCIOUS.

ALMOST A MATCH FOR  
DOCTOR WHO, WHO HAS  
QUITE A JOB TO  
IMMOBILISE HIM WITH  
VENUSIAN KARATE.

FINALLY DOCTOR WHO  
MANAGES IT)

DOCTOR WHO: Varan, listen, I am not an  
Overlord. I have come to help your  
people. I must find Ky.

VARAN: KY is my enemy. I will destroy  
him - and you, Overlord.

(VARAN STRUGGLES,  
TO NO AVAIL)

DOCTOR WHO: Now - either you take me to  
the mines, or you stay here like this ...

(VARAN CANNOT MOVE)

Well? Will you give me your word. On  
your honour as a warrior? (cont ...)

(VARAN WITH GREAT  
EFFORT MANAGES A  
NOD.

DOCTOR WHO UNFIXES  
HIM AND ...

CRASH!

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ...  
THEY CROUCH DOWN.

DOCTOR WHO THINKS IT IS  
GUNFIRE AT FIRST ...  
THEN ANOTHER CRASH OF  
THUNDER)

DOCTOR WHO: (cont) What the - ?

VARAN: (SCARED) The firestorms -

DOCTOR WHO: (RELIEVED) Oh - is that all?

VARAN: (STILL SCARED) The wrath of the Gods.

DOCTOR WHO: No Varan - a simple atmospheric disturbance ... and very much to our advantage - come on!

(THEY MAKE THEIR WAY  
DOWN THE CORRIDOR,  
LIT BY LIGHTNING ...  
NOISES OF THUNDER  
AND TORRENTIAL RAIN ...)

AT THE EXIT, VARAN  
STOPS DOCTOR WHO)

What? A guard?

VARAN: You have no mask - once the Sun rises you will not be able to breathe the air on Solos. No Earthman can -

DOCTOR WHO: Did I say I was an Earthman?

(VARAN PERPLEXED)

I have adapted ... Like the Chameleon.

(VARAN EVEN MORE  
PERPLEXED)

Oh never mind - which way now?

(A FLASH OF LIGHTNING  
ILLUMINATES THE FENCE  
THEY MUST CLIMB)

TELECINE 2:

Model Shot.

Skybase being hit and rocked  
by lightning ... lights  
flashing on and off ...

END TELECINE 2:

5. INT. SKYBASE CORRIDOR. NIGHT.

(THE MARSHAL STAGGERING  
ALONG A CORRIDOR -  
FLUCTUATING LIGHTS -  
TO JAEGER'S LAB ...  
POUNDING ON THE DOOR)

MARSHAL: Jaeger! Jaeger!

(NO ANSWER: HE  
BARGES IN)

6. INT. JAEGER'S LAB. NIGHT.

(JAEGER GROANING ON  
THE FLOOR AMONGST  
THE SMOKING WRECKAGE  
OF DOCTOR WLO'S  
EXPERIMENT)

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MARSHAL: (SHAKING HIM ROUGHLY)  
Jaeger -- what's happened? Come on man --

(LOOKING ROUND)

Where's the Doctor? Jaeger! You fool --

(JAEGER GROANS ON)

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TELECINE 3:

Int. Cave. Night.

JO and KY watching the storm rage out side the cavemouth...

JO: How long do they last?

KY: The firestorms? At first it was a few minutes, now it can go on all night ... each one longer than the last ... terrifying my people.

Crash ... flash ...

JO: But surely they must be used to thunderstorms.

KY: There were no firestorms on Solos ... until the Marshal began his experiments.

JO: Experiments?

KY: To make our air breathable for the Overlords ... but not for the Solonians,

KY throws fuel on the fire, which blazes up.

KY: It will mean the end of my people, Miss Grant.

Crashes and flashes of lightning ... something half-glimpsed by JO ... a hideous figure ...

She screams:

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Their view point crashes and flashes  
of lightning....something half-  
glimpsed by JO...a hideous figure...

JO screams: the figure vanishes.

JO: (CLUTCHING KY) There look -  
there!

KY: It's all right. They're  
harmless.

JO: Uh...they're horrible.

KY: They're people. My people.  
Or at least they were, before  
the Marshal's experiments.

Outside, another of the MUTTS  
makes a clumsy rush at KY who  
grabs two brands from the fire  
to chase it away. JO takes  
one too.

JO: I thought you said they were  
harmless.

KY: I can't understand. Perhaps  
the firestorm. Usually they  
run away. Very well, let us  
retire to the safety of the  
interior.

#### INT. CAVES:

They move back into the depths  
of the cave. As they go, a flash  
of lightning shows a pair of mutts  
eyes watching them from a side  
turning.....

#### INT. CAVERN

As they arrive, more mutts mass  
for a new attack.

KY: Look, I think I'd better  
hide you. Over ~~the~~ fire.

KY takes JO to an alcove in the  
rocks, some little way away, and  
urges her in.

JO: What about you?

KY: Don't worry. I'll soon drive them

Leaving JO cowering in her alcove, KY returns to the fire. He swings his torch to hold off the MUTTS.

END TELECINE 3:

7. INT. SKYBASE, JAEGER'S LAB. NIGHT.

(JAEGER SLUMPED,  
THE MARSHAL BERATING  
HIM)

MARSHAL: Professor Jaeger, one of the Empire's greatest scientific minds, foiled by a simple-booby trap ...

JAEGER: The Doctor ... said it was an experiment ...

(THE MARSHAL INDICATES  
THE B LACKENED REMAINS  
ON THE BENCH)

MARSHAL: A booby-trap Jaeger!

JAEGER: It was particle reversal, I know it was -

MARSHAL: Forget particle reversal. Get those rockets ready. You'll have to go ahead on your own.

JAEGER: You don't realise Marshal... I'm just not ready. Without particle reversal the whole process is too dangerous. It could get completely out of hand.

MARSHALL: Jaeger, get this into your maundering egg-head. I want the atmosphere of this planet changed, and I want it changed now ...! Clear?

(THE MARSHAL GOES TO A  
WALL PHONE)

Get me Stubbs and Cotton. I want to see them right away. I'll be in my office.

9. INT. SKYBASE CORRIDOR, OUTSIDE  
MARSHAL'S OFFICE. NIGHT.

(STUBBS AND COTTON WAITING  
TO BE CARPETED)

STUBBS: This is it then.

COTTON: Is he onto us?

STUBBS: Soon find out.

(THEY ENTER THE  
MARSHAL'S OFFICE)

10. INT. SKYBASE MARSHAL'S OFFICE. NIGHT.

(STUBBS AND COTTON  
ENTER)

MARSHAL: Ah Stubbs, Cotton. My  
trusty right hand men.

Tog. (STUBBS: Sir.  
(COTTON:

MARSHAL: Not content with failing to  
capture Ky and Miss Grant, you have  
now allowed the Doctor to escape  
to Solos.

STUBBS: I tried to stop him sir.  
Professor Jaeger let him get away.

COTTON: Wasn't my fault we lost  
Ky and the girl, in the cave.  
We didn't have enough men to do a  
proper search.

MARSHAL: Silence!

(THERE IS SILENCE)

Do you know what I am going to do?

STUBBS: No sir.

MARSHAL: We are all going to pay  
one last visit to Solos.

STUBBS: Last visit sir?

MARSHAL: For a while Stubbs ... And  
when we are there, we shall -- ah --  
kill three birds with one stone ...  
Varan, the Doctor ... and the Mutts --

TELECINE 4:Int. Cave Entrance. Night.

VARAN and DOCTOR WHO enter,  
look round. The fire is  
still alight, though burning  
low. DOCTOR WHO looks at  
the fire.

DOCTOR WHO: Well - someone was here -  
now I wonder why they -

He breaks off as VARAN  
whirls round in alarm.

VARAN: Look!

We catch a  
fleeing glimpse of a  
MUTT hurrying away in the  
darkness.

VARAN: You saw? Such creatures are  
diseased, evil ...

DOCTOR WHO: Perhaps ... (TAPS THE  
BOX) I rather hope the answer is in  
here ... We must find Ky -

DOCTOR WHO grabs a  
branch from the fire,  
kindles it to a torch.

VARAN: Then you must find him alone  
Doctor - Varan will go no further.

In the distance we hear  
the sound of KY's  
shouting and the roar  
of the MUTTS.

DOCTOR WHO: Something's going on in  
there. Come on. It might be Jo.

VARAN: No ... no!

DOCTOR WHO: What? Is Varan, the great warrior, afraid of the dark?

VARAN: Varan fears nothing --

DOCTOR WHO: Well come on then!

DOCTOR WHO runs into the cave ... After a moments hesitation VARAN grabs a burning branch for a torch and follows.

Further Into the Caves and Mines. Night.

A fork, DOCTOR WHO and VARAN halt undecided.

... More noise from KY, and the MUTTS.

DOCTOR WHO: This way!

VARAN follows, but looking about him fearfully ...

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TELECINE 4 (CONT)Int. A cave chamber. Night.

KY is by now ringed round  
by snarling grunting munts..  
desperately keeping them at  
bay by swinging a flaming  
brand round the circle of MUTTS.  
A hot smoky atmosphere...  
torchlight on shiny faces...

Cut to, JO, cowering in her  
alcove. More or less accident  
ally, a strong MUTT, stumbles  
upon her hiding place.

JO, terrified, dodges past  
the MUTT and runs off, away  
from KY and the struggle.

KY, hard pressed by MUTTS  
tries to make an appeal to  
them,

KY: Listen to me. I am Ky. You know  
me my people I come to find refuge,  
not to harm you -

After listening at first, the  
mutts make another rush....

This time KY loses the flaming  
torch...as DOCTOR WHO and  
VARAN appear in the nick of  
time.

DOCTOR WHO sums up the  
situation and starts chasing  
back the MUTTS.

After a moment, VARAN  
joins in.  
They begin to drive away the  
MUTTS, who start to flee  
before this determined attack.

Caves and Tunnels.

We follow JO as she runs  
panic-stricken through the  
darkness.



TELEGIN 4 (CONT)

JO as she sees a light  
gleaming ahead and runs towards  
it.

11. INT. RADIATION CAVE. NIGHT. (STUDIO)

(JO MOVES IN TO THE  
RADIATION CAVE. THIS IS  
ENTIRELY DIFFERENT TO THE  
MINE CAVES, THE WALLS  
ARE DIFFERENTLY COLOURED AND  
THE ROCKS SEEM TO GLOW  
FROM WITHIN.

JO TRIES TO GET BACK  
TO THE CHAMBER.  
SHE MAKES HER WAY  
CAREFULLY AND FEARFULLY  
TOWARDS THE BRIGHTEST  
SOURCE OF RADIATION  
AT THE END OF THE CAVE...

AFTER A FEW FALTERING  
FOOTSTEPS  
SHE STARTS TO BECOME DIZZY...  
HER VISION SWIMS... SHE  
TRIES TO CRY OUT BUT CANNOT.. SHE  
TRIES TO TURN BACK BUT CANNOT,  
FINDING HERSELF  
DRAWN TO THE HUMMING  
PULSING LIGHT SOURCE AT THE  
FAR END OF THE CAVE...

THROUGH HER SWIMMING--VISION  
AGAIN THE LIGHT SOURCE IS  
GRADUALLY BLOCKED OUT BY A  
HUGE LUMBERING SHAPE RISING  
UP IN FRONT OF HER --  
A VAST MISSHAPEN FIGURE  
STRETCHING OUT ITS ARMS --  
SHE FAINTS....

(THE FIGURE IS SONDERGAARD -  
MISSHAPEN BY HIS PROTECTIVE  
CLOTHING...)

THE LAST SHOT, AGAIN  
THROUGH HER INDISTINCT  
POV, IS OF THE FIGURE  
REACHING DOWN AND PICKING  
HER UP.)

TELECINE 5

Int. Cave Chamber, Night.

The last few MUTTS have now  
been driven off. DOCTOR WHO, KY  
and VARAN are recovering  
themselves after the fight.

DR. WHO: Ah - Ky! We haven't actually  
met... I'm the Doctor. Now then, where's  
Miss Grant?

KY ignores him and is  
watching VARAN cautiously.  
Cutting across the DOCTOR's  
remark, KY addresses VARAN.

KY: Why are you here Varan?  
Did your Overlord Masters send you  
to hunt me?

DR. WHO: Steady on old chap. He did  
help to save your life.

VARAN: The Marshal has betrayed me.  
The Overlords are my enemies too Ky.

KY: At last Varan - you see the truth.  
Now we can work together.

VARAN: We are still enemies, Ky.  
I need no help from you. Soon I shall  
return to my people and lead them  
against the Overlords.

KY turns to the DOCTOR WHO.

KY: So you are the Doctor. The friend of Miss Grant.

DR. WHO: That's right. Where is she?

KY: I took her to a place of safety when we were attacked. Why did you come here?

DOCTOR WHO looks round, sees the box lying nearby and picks it up.

DR. WHO: To find her. And to give you this.

He places the box in KY's hands: a whining noise then a click and the box lid slowly opens. All three peer in. All three are disappointed.... VARAN most of all: He picks out a sheaf of tablets.

VARAN: Tablets! Scetchings! These are not weapons!

He stuffs them back in.

KY: Varan is right. How can these help us in our struggle? Weapons are what we need -

DOCTOR WHO: Perhaps these tablets are worth more to you than any weapon...

VARAN and KY perplexed: KY takes one and looks at it. It is covered in weird hieroglyphs.. one of the chief motifs seems to be some kind of bird or insect very much stylised. KY scrutinises the Scroll:

KY: I have seen such signs.

DOCTOR WHO: Then what do they mean? Read it man!

KY: (SHAKING HIS HEAD) I cannot. It is the language of the Old Ones. No one remembers.....All our culture has been destroyed by the Overlords....

DOCTOR WHO: But you've seen this kind of writing before?

TELECINE 5 (cont)

KY points to the winged bird motif.

KY: Signs like these are carved in rocks all over Solos. No one knows, no one remembers...As far as we are concerned Doctor, they are squiggles, meaniggless squiggles... I am sorry -

DOCTOR WHO: They must mean something. Otherwise - why should I be sent here?

VARAN: Why indeed? Come - if we stay, they will surely attack again.

DOCTOR WHO: I can't leave yet. I've got to find Jo. Will you take me to her, Ky?

KY: Yes - I will take you.

VARAN: Fools! Is this the way to fight the Overlords? To wait here and be killed by mutts? No - if you will not fight, Varan will!

DOCTOR WHO: Varan, wait!

But VARAN has gone.

KY: He will go back to his village, and he and his men for all their valour will be wiped out...Swords are no use against the Overlord.

DOCTOR WHO: Ky - please! Will you take me to Jo.

KY: Yes ... this way Doctor...

The TWO MEN begin walking towards the place where KY left JO. As they walk the DOCTOR is still looking at the tablets

DOCTOR WHO: For God's sake let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the death of kings.

KY: Kings? What do you mean?

DOCTOR WHO: From the old writings of Earth, century upon century ago... There must be someone on Solos, who still understands the Old Language...

(PAUSE)

KY: (SLOWLY) There was a man called Sondergaard, a man of learning from Earth. He came to study our culture -

DOCTOR WHO: And?

KY: After a while, he disappeared. ....Oh, it was all arranged by the Overlords.

DOCTOR WHO: Our friend the Marshal?

KY nods. DOCTOR WHO  
sighs.

END TELECINE 5

12. INT. SKYBASE. MARSHAL'S OFFICE. NIGHT.

(MARSHAL, STUBBS,  
COTTON, JAEGER:  
THE MARSHAL HAS A  
MAP OF THE MINES  
WITH THEIR EXITS  
HEAVILY MARKED:)

MARSHAL: A simple operation gentlemen.  
Surveillance reports that they have  
all gone to ground here - Jaeger has  
devised some novel gas grenades. I  
want men stationed at each exit,

(HE INDICATES THEM  
WITH JABS AT THE  
MAP)

We set off the grenades... And flush  
'em out. All of 'em. Mutts, Doctor,  
Ky, Varan, the lot.

(THE MARSHAL LOOKS  
ROUND THE OTHERS WITH  
SATISFACTION)

STUBBS: And if the grenades don't  
flush them out?

MARSHAL: Then they'll die anyway... and you and Cotton will be going in to make sure....Yes a beautifully simple little scheme. The Operation's timed for dawn - you are dismissed.

(STUBBS AND COTTON  
LEAVE. JAEGER STAYS)

All of you.

(JAEGER RISES, WAITS  
UNTIL THE OTHER TWO  
HAVE LEFT)

Well?

JAEGER: I didn't wish to interrupt before... I realise it was your moment of power -

MARSHAL: Moment? Get on with it Jaeger.

JAEGER: I have some facts and figures you ought to see - your little scheme may not be as simple as you think.

TELECINE 6

Caves.

DOCTOR WHO and KY  
arrive at the place where  
KY left JO.

DOCTOR WHO: Well?

KY: I left her here... Perhaps she became frightened - ran off in panic.

DOCTOR WHO: (GRIMLY) We'd better start looking for her, hadn't we?

They move away.

END TELECINE 6

13. INT. LAB. NIGHT.

JAEGER: I have been studying the monitoring reports since the storm.

MARSHAL: I'm not interested in weather reports!

JAEGER: Then you should be. The reports show a sharp rise in temperature after every one of these storms.

MARSHAL: So?

JAEGER: There is no corresponding decrease: Solos, Marshal, is getting hotter and hotter. We are moving into a mething which none of us have ever experienced - the Solonian summer. Ever since we have been here, five hundred years, it has been spring. Now summer - it may become too hot for any human to live here.

MARSHAL: Yes, and it may not... That's for you to find out Jaeger. My first priority is to wipe out the mutts.

JAEGER: (SAVOURING HIS MOMENT) The reports also indicate a sudden rise in the mutation rate ... more mutts than ever Marshal, all moving towards your target area -



MARSHAL: Good. Good then. The more the merrier.

TELECINE 7

Ext. Cave Exit. Dawn.

Our POV is the cave mouth: we see a number of masked armed guards moving into position...

PULL BACK to show our POV is also VARAN'S

He watches them move into cover.. One of the GUARDS approaches the cave mouth.

VARAN lets him part the screen of vegetation over the cave mouth; as the GUARD steps inside. Then VARAN runs for it.

SHOTS of VARAN running and weaving and ducking through the jungle, pursued by blaster explosions...OUT OF SHOT.

The GUARDS into SHOT; They have lost him.

Int. Cave Chamber. Dawn.

Empty and dark at first. Then KY enters the chamber from one tunnel hole... and DOCTOR WHO from another. The torches are now burnt very low...

KY: No?

DOCTOR WHO: No!

KY: But she must be here...

DOCTOR WHO: We'll just have to  
search them all again -

KY: If the torches last - and  
they don't attack -

DOCTOR WHO: You heard them?

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KY: (NODDING) They're watching us  
all the time -

DOCTOR WHO: (THOUGHTFUL) But they  
don't attack us in the tunnels ...  
it was only in here ...

TELECINE 7: (contd)

He looks round the  
chamber. Various lumps  
of rock just might be  
altar shapes ...

DOCTOR WHO: This chamber must be  
important to them.

KY: Yes (A LOOK FROM THE DOCTOR)  
I feel it myself.

DOCTOR WHO: Feel what?

KY: A sensation, an awareness of  
somehow being drawn here, that this  
is a warm, safe place ... a centre -  
(HIS CONCENTRATION ON HIS FEELINGS  
LAPSES) a sort of instinct -

DOCTOR WHO: (UNEASY, GIVING KY  
ODD LOOK) Yes. Strange. Still ...  
the first thing is to try and find  
Jo -

As they move to another  
tunnel hole;

They leave ... darkness  
again in the chamber ...  
Then - a sliver of light.  
A rock panel is opening,  
and the light is the glow  
from the radiation cave.  
A misshapen hand and arm  
appear - Sondergaard's -  
pushing open the panel.  
We see nothing more of  
him ... only the arm ...

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Int. Cave Entrance. Dawn.

The MARSHAL enters.  
He is followed by TWO  
GUARDS carrying an  
ordnance box, containing  
the gas grenades.

MARSHAL: I want the gas grenades  
here - come on, hurry!

The TWO GUARDS set down  
the grenade box.

The MARSHAL looks up at  
the mineshaft roof ...  
considering ... then to  
the GUARDS again.

MARSHAL: And give me those blast  
packs.

The GUARDS hand over  
two packs of plastic  
explosives.

MARSHAL: No one else to know about  
these. Understood?

The GUARDS nod and depart.  
Enters STUBBS and COTTON,  
followed by JAEGAR.  
The MARSHAL conceals the  
blast packs ...

MARSHAL: Everything ready?

STUBBS: Sir.

JAEGAR: Marshal -

MARSHAL: Well?

JAEGAR: I think you should make  
every effort to find the Doctor -

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MARSHAL: Do you now?

JAEGAR: He is valuable; the Munts  
are not.

The MARSHAL pretends to  
ponder, then swings round  
to STUBBS and COTTON.

MARSHAL: Well Stubbs?

STUBBS: I agree sir.

MARSHAL: I thought you might ...  
Very well, you and Cotton. I'll  
give you ... fifteen minutes.  
No more -

STUBBS: Right sir.

MARSHAL: Keep in radio contact all  
the way. I want to hear every word.

As they go, he switches  
on the radio receiver set  
up by other GUARDS during  
this dialogue.

The MARSHAL shouts after  
STUBBS and COTTON as they  
move into the cave.

END TELECINE 7:

MARSHAL: And if you come across  
Ky - make a better job of him than  
you did of Varan ...

14. EXT. HUT AND CLEARING. DAY.

(VARAN, EXHAUSTED  
STUMBLES ON THE  
EDGE OF A CLEARING.  
AMAZED BY WHAT HE  
SEES, A COMPLETELY  
DESERTED AREA, WITH  
ONE OR TWO SMOKING  
FIRES. EVERYWHERE  
SIGNS OF FLIGHT --  
SCATTERED CLOTHING,  
COOKING UTENSILS  
ETC.)

AN OLD MAN LIES  
UNMOVING, HALF  
HIDDEN BY RAGS.  
A GONG LIES  
ABANDONED NEARBY)

VARAN: (SHOUTING) Ho -- Varan has  
returned!

(SILENCE  
THE RAG BUNDLE  
AND THE FACE OF  
A VERY OLD MAN  
APPEARS)

OLD MAN: Varan --

(VARAN GOES TO  
HIM. THE OLD  
MAN SHRINKS AWAY,  
COVERING HIMSELF  
WITH RAGS)

VARAN: What has happened here?  
Where are my people? Speak!

OLD MAN: (NONSENSICAL GABBLE)  
The firestorm ... evil ... a plague  
of evil ... fire from the sky ...

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VARAN: Fire? Plague? Make sense  
you old fool -

OLD MAN: All sense is gone -  
the people are gone -

VARAN: Listen to me -

(HE GRABS THE OLD  
MAN, HAULS HIM  
UPRIGHT FROM HIS  
PILE OF RAGS)

Summon my council - Beat the war  
gong!

(THE OLD MAN HAS  
BEEN TRYING TO  
KEEP HIS BACK  
FROM VAPAN.  
NOW AS HE STRIKES  
THE GONG, THE LOOSE  
RAG ACROSS HIS  
SHOULDER FALLS ...  
AND WE SEE THE  
DOUBLE KNOBBLY  
ROW OF VERTEBRAE  
OF THE MUTANT ...  
BONNNGG!)

TELECINE 8:

STUBBS and COTTON reach  
the fork. They have  
powerful torches attached  
to their belts.

STUBBS: }  
COTTON: } Doctor ... Doctor !

They move on.

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Int. Cave. A small Tunnel.

The DOCTOR and KY.

DOCTOR WHO: Listen -

An echo of STUBBS and  
COTTON.

KY: Overlords. We must abandon.  
the search -- they will trap us here.

DOCTOR WHO: ( A MOMENT'S THOUGHT)  
Back to the chamber --

They move off.

Int. Cave Chamber.

Enter KY and the DOCTOR,  
their torches spluttering  
their last ...

A slight movement and a  
groan stop them in their  
tracks ...

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KY: If they attack now .....

DOCTOR WHO: No wait. Listen.

TELECINE 8 (CONT)

They listen. Again the  
green.

DOCTOR WHO: That's Jo - over there  
somewhere.....

They cannot see her. She is  
on the floor close to the  
rack panel, concealed by  
racks.... they find her...  
she is half-conscious.

DOCTOR WHO: Jo! Jo! - it's alright.

She opens her eyes.

JO: Doctor -

She lapses into unconscious-  
ness again ... suddenly the  
chamber fills with light ...  
The light from STUBBS and  
COTTON'S torches....  
It blinds the DOCTOR and  
KY. They cannot see who it  
is. KY jumps to his feet  
and rushes at them.

KY: Run Doctor -

Int. Cave Entrance. Day.

The MARSHAL at the radio  
receiver - Voices Over -  
jumbled, excited .....

DOCTOR WHO: (V.O.) No Ky!

KY: (V.O.) Overlord Swine!

STUBBS: (V.O.) It's us Doctor -  
Stubbs and Cotton. Is Miss Grant  
with you?

DOCTOR WHO: (V.O.) Yes, she's  
injured -

The MARSHAL switches off  
the receiver.

MARSHAL: Right ... ready with the  
grenades -

JAEGAR: But - they're all in there.

MARSHAL: Exactly. Fire the grenades -

The grenades are thrown  
into the Cave as smoke  
begins to drift.

MARSHAL: Pull back. Everybody outside  
the cave.

As they withdraw, the  
MARSHAL takes out the blast-  
packs, adjusts the timers  
to five minutes and sticks  
them to the Cave wall.  
He takes up the radio mike:

MARSHAL: All sections - fire  
grenades, seal off exits.

Then he too retires.

Int. cave Chambers. Day.

COTTON: (INTO HIS INTERCOM) Hello  
hello hello .....

He looks up at the others.

COTTON: Lost contact....

END TELECINE 8:

15. EXT. HUT AND CLEARING. DAY.

(C.U. VARAN)

VARAN: Why does no-one come?  
Where are my warriors.

OLD MAN: Your warriors have fled Varan.

VARAN: Am I left with nothing but  
.... mutants?

OLD MAN: They too - it is the way  
with us all. Old and young. Those  
who could walk have gone .... to the  
mines Varan, to the mines.

(VARAN CANNOT  
UNDERSTAND)

VARAN: Why? Why has this curse  
come upon us?

(SUDDENLY VARAN  
NOTICES THAT THE SKIN  
ON HIS OWN ARMS HAS  
BEGUN TO CHANGE, TO  
CRACK AND GROW BLACK  
AND SCARILY, HE SCREAMS..  
THEN TRIES TO RUB  
IT OFF)

VARAN: No.... no...!

(HE GETS TO HIS  
FEET.

VARAN IS SUDDENLY  
STRUCK DUMB,  
PARALYSED IT  
SEEMS. HE  
HEARS HIS OWN  
VOICE SPEAKING....)

(V.O. A WHISPER) Go Varan... go to  
the place of sleeping, the place of  
darkness and light ... Go Varan ....

(VARAN RECOVERS  
ENOUGH OF HIS  
OWN SELF TO  
SCREAM)

No.- I was born to fight! Varan will  
not die sleeping -

TELESCINE 9:

Int. Caves.

The smoke hissing and creeping  
its way through the Caves...  
one or two MINES hurrying  
away from it but succumbing,  
falling down in its path...  
it rolls relentlessly on

Int. Cave Chamber.

JO recovered, weakly trying  
to explain.

JO: A passageway ... full of light  
.... even the rocks .... full of light,  
glowing .... I remember walking  
towards the light, then .... then this  
noise in my head, I couldn't hear, I  
couldn't see properly .... more and more  
dizzy ... a figure, a silver figure -

DOCTOR WHO: A Mutant?

JO: No..... I don't know.

DOCTOR WHO: Then what?

JO: Then - I'm sorry Doctor -  
I fainted.

Pause.

COTTON moves to one of  
the tunnels suspicious,  
listening....

DOCTOR WHO: Well, whatever it was -  
it must have brought you back ....

STUBBS: (TO COTTON) I'd better tell  
his nibs what's going on.

DOCTOR WHO: Just a minute. I don't  
particularity want to find myself  
in the Marshals hands again.

COTTON: (TO DOCTOR) Better off on  
Skybase than in here. (TO STUBBS)  
You'll have to hurry old son. Attack's  
due to start any minute -

STUBBS leaves.

JO: Attack?

COTTON: Gas. The Marshal's solution  
to what he calls the "nut problem" ...

JO: But doesn't he know we're here?

KY: He knows.....

Pause.

COTTON: I think we ought to move  
out now - before it's too late.

Ext. Cave Entrance. Day.

MARSHAL: What's the count, Jaegar?

JAEGAR: (CONSULTING HIS SENSOR)  
It seems to be swarming with Mutts.  
They must be attracted to the place.

MARSHAL: Yes... They go there die.  
Like the old idea of the... elephant's  
graveyard. Right. Should be any  
moment ... now!

The MARSHAL's view of the  
cave mouth, counting the  
last few seconds off on  
his wristmeter. Then:  
blast! An explosion in the  
cave mouth.. When the smoke  
clears, the cave mouth  
is blocked with rubble.

Int. Caves.

SUTLAS rounds a corner,  
hears the echo of the  
explosion ... and see the  
wall of gas hissing into  
the cave. Towards him, he turns  
and runs back...

Int. Cave Chamber.

The DOCTOR is trying to  
piece things together.

DOCTOR WHO: Jo was overcome by  
it. You were affected by it Ky -  
and this place, this chamber -

The others are more worried about the sound of the explosion still rumbling away.

JO: What was it?

COTTON: An explosion Miss -

DOCTOR WHO: It can only be one thing - radiation of some sort. But why? Why should that attract mutants? And what caused it? The tablets, Ky!

KY hands them to him -  
The DOCTOR studies them.

DOCTOR WHO: The answer must be somewhere -

STUBBS rushes in.

STUBBS: Gas! They've already started the attack.

COTTON: Come on! We've got to get out of here.

STUBBS: We can't get out. The Marshal's sealed us in!

Smoke starts flooding into the Cave Chamber through the tunnel entrances...

END TELECINE 9:

End:  
Titles:

FADE OUT: